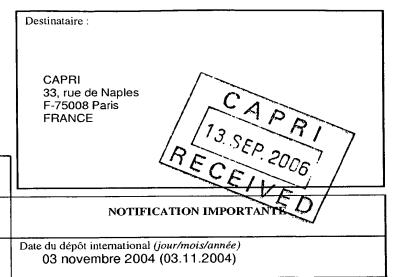
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## RAPPORT PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL SUR LA BREVETABILITÉ

(chapitre I du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets)

(règle 44bis du PCT)

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Déposant VALOIS SAS							

1.	Le présent rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I) est établi par le Bureau international au nom de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale selon la règle 44bis.1.a).					
2.	Ce RAPPORT comprend un total de 6 feuilles, y compris la présente feuille de couverture.					
	Dans les feuilles jointes, toute référence à l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être entendue, à la place, comme une référence au rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I).					
3.	Le présent rapport contient des indications relatives aux points suivants :					
	Cadre n° I	Base de l'opinion				
	Cadre n° II	Priorité				
	Cadre n° III	Absence de formulation d'opinion quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle				
	Cadre n° IV	Absence d'unité de l'invention				
	Cadre n° V	Déclaration motivée selon l'article 35.2) quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle; citations et explications à l'appui de cette déclaration				
	Cadre n° VI	Certains documents cités				
	Cadre n° VII	Certaines irrégularités relevées dans la demande internationale				
	Cadre n° VIII	Certaines observations relatives à la demande internationale				
4.	Le Bureau international communiquera le présent rapport aux offices désignés conformément aux règles 44bis.3.c) et 93bis.1 mais pas avant l'expiration du délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité (règle 44bis.2), sauf si le déposant a présenté une requête expresse à cet égard en vertu de l'article 23.2).					

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TRANSLATION From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY To: WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1) Date of mailing See form PCT/ISA/210 (day/month/year) Applicant's or agent's file reference FOR FURTHER ACTION VALS 934/2 See paragraph 2 below International application No. International filing date (day/month/year) Priority date (day/month/year) PCT/FR2004/050559 03.11.2004 07.11.2003 International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC B05B11/00 Applicant VALOIS SAS This opinion contains indications relating to the following items: Box No. I Basis of the opinion Box No. II Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial Box No. V applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement Box No. VI Certain documents cited Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application **FURTHER ACTION** If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered. If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220. Name and mailing address of the ISA/EP Authorized officer Facsimile No. Telephone No.

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Во	x No. I	Basis of this opinion
1.	With filed,	regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was unless otherwise indicated under this item.
		This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language  , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under
	_	Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2.	With inven	regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed tion, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
	a.	type of material
		a sequence listing
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	L	furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.		In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4.	Additi	onal comments:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-16	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-16	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-16	YES
		Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Concerning point V.

### Claim 1

Claim 1 meets the requirements of PCT Articles 33(2) to 33(4) with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

Since the features in independent claim 1 are not mentioned in their entirety in any of the documents in the search report or the description, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel.

The invention is based on the prior art as described in document US5377881A (D1). It concerns a pump for dispensing a fluid product comprising a pump body, a pump chamber, at least one piston that slides inside the said pump chamber in order to dispense the fluid product, a dispensing orifice, and a valve that cooperates with the said dispensing orifice, the said valve being movable and/or ductile between a position for closing the dispensing orifice, the said valve being stressed

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

elastically towards its closed position, the pump comprising a single elastic element, such as a spring, capable of returning the said at least one piston to its resting position after operation and for stressing the said valve towards its closed position.

The dispensing pump according to the invention is different from this prior art in that the said pump body is made of one piece with the said valve.

The particular structure of this constituent element of the device is neither known from the prior art cited in the search report nor considered by a person skilled in the art to be an immediate or obvious choice. This particular structure makes it possible to achieve the objective of providing a pump for dispensing a fluid product that is simple and inexpensive to produce and assemble and is composed of a minimal number of constituent parts.

Consequently, the dispensing pump according to claim 1 is considered to involve an inventive step.

The subject matter of claim 1 can work and can be made, therefore the dispensing pump is industrially applicable.

#### Claims 2 to 16

Claims 2 to 16 concern particular embodiments of the dispensing pump described in claim 1. Hence, they also fulfil the requirements of PCT Articles 33(2) to (4).

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

### Concerning point VII.

Claim 1 has a two-part format (preamble and characterizing part) that is not properly defined in relation to the prior art known from document D1.